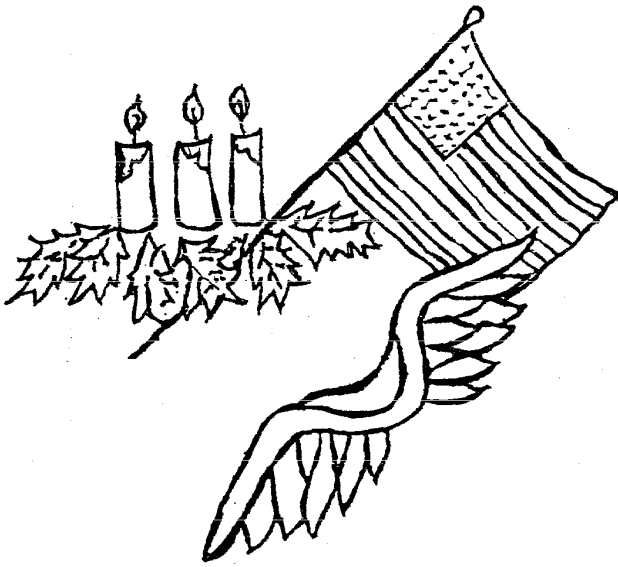


GIRL SCOUTS OF DELAWARE-RARITAN, INC. CEREMONIES



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Questions and Answers

* Why do Girl Scouts have ceremonies?

Ceremonies are a time to recognize accomplishments, renew the Girl Scout Promise, review the Girl Scout Law and reinforce beliefs in the values of Girl Scouting. It is characteristic of all people to appreciate the beauty, inspiration and recognition that ceremonies impart. Many of us remember having special secret clubs with initiations rites - like the old "blood brothers" ceremony.

* What are the "ingredients" of a good ceremony?

Girl Planning!	Inspiration	Theme
Imagination	Purpose	Dignity
Symbolism	Recognition	Tradition
Simplicity	Joy	Active Participation by everyone

* What is the purpose of this material?

It will present suggestions and samples. You will need to share it with your girls and discuss it. They may decide to use a sample ceremony, or part of one, or write their own. They may even decide to mix and match!

* Can ceremonies be mixed together?

Certainly! It is a common practice to have a flag combine a Rededication Ceremony for their present members with an Investiture Ceremony for their new members.

The ceremonies listed here are outlines, which need to have songs, poetry, short readings, etc. added to them.

DEFINITIONS

INVESTITURE: “Held when one or more person joins Girl Scouting for the first time. The girl or adult who is being invested makes the Girl Scout Promise, receives the appropriate membership pin (Daisy Girl Scout Pin for Daisies, Brownie Girl Scout Pin for Brownies, Trefoil Girl Scout Pin for all others), and is welcomed into Girl Scouting.”

LEADER’S GUIDE

Individuals are only invested once, whether it is at the age of 5 or 99.

Brownie investitures usually include a magic pond, and it will be helpful to you and your troop if you read the “Brownie Story” in the Leader's Guide/Brownie Girl Scout Handbook first.

REDEDICATION: A ceremony where girls and adults review their Promise and look at what the Promise and Law means to them.

COURT OF AWARDS: A ceremony where girls receive badges, signs, patches, challenges, pins, aide bars, etc. that they have earned.

FLY-UP/BRIDGE CEREMONY: A ceremony where Brownies "FLY-UP" to Juniors, Daisies bridge to Brownies, Juniors to Cadettes, Cadettes to Seniors.

FLAG CEREMONY: A ceremony where the flag is presented, posted, or retired.

GIRL SCOUT'S SPECIAL DAYS

Girl Scouts have four special days to celebrate:

- October 31 Juliette Gordon Low's birthday (also known as Founder's Day).
- February 22 Thinking Day, the birthdays of both Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Baden Powell.
- March 12 The birthday of Girl Scouting in the United States.
- April 22 Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day.

FLAG ETIQUETTE

The correct use of the American Flag may seem confusing because varying groups have authorized various procedures. The Girl Scouts have no official policy on flag usage. The important point is an attitude of respect for the American Flag as a symbol - a symbol that represents the United States of America, just as the Trefoil in the Girl Scout pin is the symbol of Girl Scouting.

The following procedures are suggested
REMEMBER - RIGHT is the preferred position

When the American Flag is hung on a wall, the blue of the flag should be to the RIGHT of the flag.

The American Flag is placed to the RIGHT on a stage, to the RIGHT of a speaker, to the RIGHT of a table when it is used in the front of a room as if there was a stage (RIGHT is flag's right, which would be an audience's left.) See pages 15-19 in Ceremonies in Girl Scouting.

When the American Flag is carried with one other flag, it is carried on the RIGHT side, if carried with two other flags; it is carried in the center.

In a ceremony using the American Flag, which is also referred to as the Colors, the three Girl Scouts, who are called the Color Guard, salute the Colors, then turning toward the RIGHT they move to the front of the group, While acting as a guard to the flag, the Girl Scouts stand quietly at attention and take no other part in the ceremony, they do not sing or say the Pledge of Allegiance. If two flags are used, there is one Color Guard on each side; the American Flag is carried to the RIGHT of the troop flag. When the Color Guard puts the flag away, they salute the American Flag.

The American Flag is carried first in a line of flags, is carried higher than other flags, is picked up first and put down last in a flag ceremony.

When the American Flag is suspended as in a gymnasium or across a street, so that right and left have no bearing, the compass points are used, the blue field of the flag being either to the north or the east. The American Flag is not used as a drape or cover.

There is NO excuse for a dirty flag! A good service project for the troop is to make a cloth or oilcloth covering for the troop's flags.

The salute is a mark of respect to the American Flag. It is given with the Pledge of Allegiance, during flag raising or lowering ceremonies or by Girl Scouts in uniform as the American Flag passes by in a parade. At non Girl Scout gatherings Girl Scouts use the form of salute, which is recognized, as correct by whatever group they are in.

Girl Scout ceremonies are open to the public. Girl Scouts in a Color Guard are in full uniform and often wear such details as white gloves. In the troop, as long as the American Flag is handled with dignity, a uniform is not essential and no girl should miss the experience of being part of the Color Guard because of such details.

We must remember that whenever we appear in our Girl Scout uniform, we represent Girl Scouting to the public. Dignified behavior, courtesy, a neat uniform without jewelry or frill or slip showing and orderly happy group of Girl Scouts without gum chewing and no boisterous action is expected. These help to build public confidence in our organization.

PROCEDURES FOR STANDARD FLAG CEREMONIES

Through a Flag Ceremony, Girl Scouts demonstrate reverence and respect for the flag of the USA. There may be many variations.

A. **FLAG HELD DURING CEREMONY**

Formation: Girls assemble at a given point and proceed in a double file - silently - and form a horseshoe facing the opening where the flag will be presented.

The Color Guard stands outside the horseshoe at a spot near the flag. At a signal "COLORS ADVANCE," given by the person in charge of the ceremony, the Color Guard comes forward and stands in front center of the girls.

Ceremony: The ceremony takes place after the flag has reached its place at the front of the horseshoe.

Return: At the command, "COLORS RETIRED," The Color Guard wheels to the right and replaces the flag in its original position. The members of the Color Guard salute the flag.

B. **FLAG PLACED IN STANDARD (GOUNDING FLAG)**

Formation: Girls assemble at a given point and proceed in a double file - silently - and form a horseshoe facing the standard, which has been placed at center of opening.

COLOR GUARD STANDING WITH GIRLS - If the girls in the Color Guard are standing with the girls, they step back out of the horseshoe - at the command of "COLORS FALL OUT," and go to the place where the flag is standing. They lineup three abreast or if there are four guards with one flag bearer, the bearer stands center front. At a sign from the color bearer, they take a few steps toward the flag, stop, and salute, before picking it up, the color bearer steps forward, then picks up the flag and steps back. The Color Guard then wheels to the right, in unison, and marches to a place in front of the girls and places the flag in the standard which is center of the horseshoe opening.

COLOR GUARD OUTSIDE OF HORSESHOE - The Color Guard may remain outside the horseshoe at a spot near the flag. At a signal "COLORS ADVANCE," given by the person in charge of the ceremony, they come forward and place the flag in the standard, which is center front.

Return: At the command "COLORS RETIRED," each member of the guard takes one step to the outside, allowing an aisle through which the bearer passes after wheeling, then the first couple turns to follow; next the second couple; and so on until the last couple falls into line.

C. **FLAG RAISED ON FLAGPOLE (RAISED BRISKLY, LOWERED CEREMONIOUSLY)**

Formation: Girls Assemble at a given point and proceed in double file - silently - and form a horseshoe facing the flagpole.

Color Guard: Consists of color bearer and two, four or more guards as needed to handle the flag. After the girls are assembled, the Color Guard advances at the command of "COLOR ADVANCE," to the foot of the flagstaff. Bearer comes first, holding the triangularly folded flag on her hands and forearm with the point forward. Guards follow behind in pairs.

Color bearer steps forward first and the first two Color Guards follow, taking their position on the right and left of the flagpole. The bearer may hand the flag to one of the guards to hold while the clasps are brought into position and fastened, attaching the flag to the pole. Guards are responsible for seeing that the flag flies free before being raised and for catching the flag as it is lowered so that it does not touch the ground.

Salute: At a sign from the color bearer, the Color Guard salutes at colors immediately after they have raised the flag, and then they return to position in the horseshoe. At retreat they salute the flag at a sign from the color bearer after taking their position at the foot of the flagpole before lowering the flag.

Girls salute while the flag is in motion on the pole. Salute until it reaches the top of the pole. Salute while the flag is lowered until flag bearer has both clasps in hand.

Ceremony: The Ceremony takes place after the flag has been raised or before it is lowered. At command "COLOR GUARD RETIRE," Color Guards return to the opposite end of the horseshoe from the people in charge of the ceremony, and stand at attention during the ceremony.

Lowering of Flag: As the American Flag bearer lowers the flag, the guards step forward and the flag is caught by them, or by only one guard depending on wind direction. It is permissible for these guards to step out of line at any time and in any direction in order to keep the flag from touching the ground.

Folding: The flag bearer does not help in the folding of the flag; she stands facing the pole. The flag is held and folded by the Color Guards. The blue field is held nearest the flagpole. The flag is folded in half lengthwise; then again lengthwise in half. The blue field is folded down underneath. The last couple, those farthest away from the pole, begins folding the flag in a triangle. They fold until the flag is in a triangle with four stars on top. Pages 15-19 Ceremonies in Girl Scouting

(Tips for Brownies) Brownies sometimes have trouble folding the flag and holding onto it at the same time. Let the guards, not holding, hold their hands, palm up, under the flag as it is being folded.

Placing & Return: The Color Guard resumes its original position. One member of the first couple steps in front of the color bearer, places the flag, point forward, in her outstretched hands, and returns to her position. Each member of the guard takes one step to the outside, allowing an aisle through which the bearer passes after wheeling, then the first couple turns to follow; next the second couple; and so on. until the last couple falls into line.

Practice Tips: One person reads directions as group follows them, step by step. If flag sashes are worn, flag bearer wears sash over right shoulder, and tied in square knot on the left hip, guards wear sash around waist and tied in square knot on left hip. Once sashes are on, Color guard is "**on duty**" and shows respect by being attentive and dignified until ceremony is over and sashes are removed. **SASHES ARE ALWAYS RED.**

SOME THOUGHTS ON FLAG CEREMONIES

If the flag ceremonies at your troop meetings are becoming "just an opening," perhaps slight variation will make them more meaningful to your girls.

Instead of saying, "let us salute the flag," why not try one of these:

1. Today, let us salute the flag in honor of our founding, fathers who had visions of today's America.
2. Join me in saluting the flag of our country, the emblem of truth and justice!
3. For the opportunities our country offers to the youth of America, let us now salute our flag, the emblem of our nation.
4. In the folds of our flag are enshrined every ideal, hope, and opportunity made possible because someone has lived. Let us salute our flag!
5. The flag of the United States of America is the emblem of our nation – the leader of the free world. Let us now salute our flag!

A short choral rendition by several girls in your troop could take the place of singing "America".

MAKERS OF THE FLAG

I am what you make me. Nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself ... my stars and my stripes are your dream and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts. For you are the makers of the flag and it is well that you glory in the making.

By Franklin K. Lane

Girl Scouts promise allegiance to their country. Help them to keep their promise by making a flag ceremony meaningful.

BASIC FLAG CEREMONY COMMANDS

- **Color Guard Attention**
- **Girl Scouts Attention** ("Please Stand")
- **Color Guard Advance** (Color Guard walks forward - Flag goes **first**)
Color guard comes to the front and turns to face the audience.
- **Please join me in the pledge to the flag: I Pledge...**
- **Please join me in the Girl Scout Promise: On my honor...**
- **Color Guard, dismissed.**

If the flag is to be put into a stand, additional command of "**Color Guard, Post the colors**" would be added just before the dismissal.

FLAG CEREMONIES

- I. The group of girls who hold/carry the flag and guard it are known as the **COLOR GUARD**. The girl who gives them their commands (directions) is known as the **CALLER**.

The Basic commands are:

1. Color Guard advance.
2. Color Guard, post the colors.
or
Color Guard, retire the colors, if they are taking them down.
3. Color Guard dismissed.

- II. To these commands may be added other commands. For example:

1. Color Guard advance.
2. Color Guard post the colors.
3. Girl Scouts, salute the flag of your country. Pledge of Allegiance.
All present except the Color Guard say the Pledge of Allegiance as led by the caller.
4. Girl Scouts, we will now sing _____. Patriotic song of their choice.
5. Color Guard dismissed.
6. Girl Scouts dismissed, if you want everyone to leave or break out of the horseshoe or circle.

- III. Basic Color Guard:

O
X X

O= Flag Bearer
X= Guards

Larger Color Guard

O
X X
X X

Still Larger Color Guard

O
X X
X X
X X

- IV. When using other flags in addition to the United States flag, other flags go the American flag's left. American flag is always on American flag's right or in center. Audience would see the flag on their left by flag's right.

American Flag O XXX Other flags
Audience

Other flags can go behind the American flag.

X X X X Other flags
 O American flag
Audience

Other flags go lower than the American flag.

FLAG (RECIPE) CEREMONY

6 girls
1 cup each red blue & white chips or crepe paper cut up
1 large soup pot
1 large Spoon
American Flag
Stars (glitter or white stars, cut from paper)

1st girl "We are going to fix for you a treat that is really grand, and make for you a recipe – the greatest in the land."

2nd girl "In first, we will put a heaping cup of **RED** for courage true."

3rd girl "And then we will add for loyalty, a dash of heavenly **BLUE**".

4th girl "For purity, we will now sift in a layer of snowy **WHITE**".

5th girl "We will sprinkle a pinch of stars (**GLITTER or WHITE STARS**) to make it come out right."

6th girl "We will stir and stir and then you'll see that what we have made is...."

ALL "Old Glory" - pulls out folded flag from the bottom of pot and hold up for Pledge and song.

It is suggested that the six girls leave their places in a horseshoe around the pot facing the group. All pull out the flag together. A spotlight is also nice.

WORLD FLAG CEREMONY

An explanation of the meaning of the World Flag. This can be adopted for a World Pin Ceremony also.

Materials needed: Oblong of blue material in color of World Flag. Some of this may be mounted on cardboard and from it cut the two stars and compass needle. Yellow material from which are cut the trefoil and flaming base (2 separate pieces.)

1. WHAT IS THE WORLD FLAG?

This is the flag of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. It was adopted in 1930 at our 6th World Conference to symbolize the world-wide bond of Scouting. It is an emblem that has deep meaning for all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Let us construct a World Flag and consider very carefully as we do so the reason for its color and design. Then we shall know how much this World Flag should really mean to our Girl Scouts and how deep a feeling of international friendship it should inspire in us.

2. WHY IS THE WORLD FLAG BLUE? (Put up the blue background)

We chose a field of bright blue in our World Flag to symbolize the sky above us all throughout the wide, wide world. We thus carry out the words of Baden-Powell, Founder of Scouting, who asked us to "AIM HIGH, LOOK WIDE."

3. WHY DO WE HAVE A TREFOIL ON THE WORLD FLAG? (put up yellow trefoil)

Upon the background of the blue we place a Trefoil of Gold, the emblem of Scouting in all countries.

4. THERE ARE TWO STARS ON THE WORLD FLAG. WHAT DOES ONE OF THEM STAND FOR? (Place blue star on Trefoil's left)

We place one star at the left – the site of the heart. This star stands for the pledge that all Guides and Scouts try, on their honor, to keep, that is, our Promise.

5. WHAT DOES THE OTHER STAR STAND FOR? (Put star on right side)

On the right side of the trefoil, the side of the ready and helpful hand, we place the star, which stands for our Scout Code of Conduct - the Law.

6. WHAT DOES THE POINTER MEAN ON THE WORLD FLAG? (Place blue compass needle in the center of the trefoil)

We place a compass needle, TRUE BLUE, in the Center of the Golden Trefoil, between the safeguards of the Promise and the Laws, to serve as a guide to show us the Right Way of Life.

7. WHY DOES THE TREFOIL HAVE ROOTS? (Place root at base of trefoil)

At the base of the Golden Trefoil we place a flame-like root. This burning root is a symbol of International Friendship.

8. CONCLUSION

Whenever Girl Scouts and Girl Guides are gathered together, we fly this flag. At every national or International Girl Scout Conference, we fly this flag. For every Girl Guide and Girl Scout, alone or in a troop, who knows these symbols and tries to live up to them, we fly this flag.

STANDARD CANDLE LIGHT INVESTITURE AND REDEDICATION

Need: Small table, three large and ten small candles in holders, matches, wood/cardboard trefoil, on which the Girl Scout Laws are written, Girl Scout pin for each girl/adult to be involved. Unpinned for convenience in presentation.

The troop stands in a horseshoe formation. If guests are present, the troop can march in and form the horseshoe. Begin the ceremony by talking about the meaning of investiture. Someone lights the three large candles while explaining somewhat as follows, the leader, one or three different girls light the three center candles and each person may say (or use your own words):

"These candles represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise".

"The first candle I light shall shine as a symbol that Girl Scouts try to Serve God and their country".

"May the light of the second candle shine as a symbol that Girl Scouts try to help people at all times".

"May the light of the third candle shine as a symbol that Girl Scouts are true to their ideals as interpreted by the Girl Scout Law".

"Each of the ten candles in front of you represents a part of the Girl Scout Law".

Ten girls, chosen previously, come forward. Each takes one of the small candles, light it from a large candle, and as she replaces it in the holder, recites the part of the Law assigned to her. It is a good idea to write each part of the Law on an index card and let the speaker hold it for security.

Girls to be invested come forward. They may be accompanied by another Girl Scout. The girls each say the Girl Scout Promise and each receives her pin. The Promise is better said individually by the girl to the leader, but it may be said by the group if special situations make it advisable.

The troop leader pins the trefoil pin on each girl, and says something like, "This pin tells everyone you are a Girl Scout, I know you will wear it proudly." The pin may be pinned on a girl upside down. If so, the leader says something like, "I have put your pin on upside down. To affirm your belief in Girl Scouting, do something nice to someone and have that person put your pin on upright."

The leader and the girl may then give the Girl Scout handshake, shaking hands with the left hand while giving the Girl Scout sign with the right, as the leader says, "Welcome to the Girl Scout organization and to troop _____" (mention the troop number.)

After all the new troop members have been invested the leader says to the whole group, "Girl Scouts, the three gold leaves the trefoil wears and the three fold message that it bears, gives you, as you start your Girl Scouting, the feeling that you are entering into a comradeship that will bring you joy as you work together, play together, and seek together. Today in every land this trefoil emblem points the way to sisterhood, friendliness, and good citizenship."

The invested girls then return to their places in the horseshoe. All the girls in the troop say the Promise together. This saying of the Promise by other Girl Scouts and adults rededicates them to Girl Scouting. Close the ceremony with a song such as, "When E'er You Make a Promise."

Candleholders for this ceremony can be made of wood, logs or anything else. A pitcher or bucket of water should be nearby. It is suggested that the candles for the ceremony remain in place and that a "LIGHTER" candle lights all candles. If the leader gives each girl the "LIGHTER" and gets it back after each candle is lit, maximum control can be achieved and safety is assured.

SAMPLE CANDLE EXTINGUISHING CEREMONY

- Candle #1 I extinguish this light for peace. May its rays light the nations of the world now and forever more.
- Candle #2 I extinguish this light for goodwill. May its glow remain with you and brighten your homes through the year.
- Candle #3 I extinguish this light for joy that it may reign at all times in the lives of all of us as we travel down the friendly road to international Girl Scouting all over the world.

Have a girl on either side of the trefoil to extinguish two of the small candles as the larger candles are extinguished. Extinguish the rest of the candles slowly as candle #3 is extinguished. Color Guard retires the colors.

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

SAMPLE BROWNIE INVESTITURE

Magic pond - mirror, all sit in a circle. New girls and leaders join together at the pond.

The leader reads the Brownie Story (Brownie Leader's Guide pages 79-83.) You may also tell a shortened version.

LEADER: "Who has come to the Brownie Woods?"

NEW GIRLS: "We have!" or "I have!"

LEADER: "Why have you come?"

NEW GIRLS: "To be Brownies."

LEADER: "Who comes first?"

CO-LEADER: (Girl's Name) , "Twist me and turn me and show me the elf, I looked in the water and saw." Turn the girl around three times.

GIRL: "MYSELF!"

Repeat until all girls have been "twisted and turned." Leads entire troop in saying the Promise together.

LEADER: Pin on Brownie pin upside down and say: "I am pinning this on upside down. When you have done a good deed, your mother or father will turn it right side up for you."

LEADER: "Welcome to Brownie Troop #_____"

CO-LEADER: "We're glad to have you, (Girl's Name) "

SAMPLE INVESTITURE #1

All stand in a circle. New girls come forward to leaders.

LEADER: "Today you girls have met the requirements of age; have paid your National Registration, and are ready to be invested as members of the largest organization for girls in the world,"

CO-LEADER: "By repeating the Promise and understanding the meaning of it and our ten part Law you become members of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., one of the member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts." Girls say the Promise together.

CO-LEADER: "Welcome to Troop #_____!"

SAMPLE INVESTITURE #2

New and old girls stand in a horseshoe. Table has ten candies set upon it.

Ten girls each lighting one candle and stating one part of the ten parts of the Law. Girls go in order of the ten parts; they may find it easier to use cue cards (index cards.)

LEADER: "Today our new girl(s) is/are ready to make her/their Promise for the first time and be invested as member(s) of Troop #_____."

CO-LEADER: "Are you ready to say your Promise? Can you tell us what it means?" New girl explains the Promise.

CO-LEADER: "Can you tell us what the Law means?" New girls answer.

LEADER: "Will the new girls now make their Promise?" New girls say Promise. Leader pins trefoil pin on each girl and shakes her hand.

LEADER: "Welcome to Troop #_____; Welcome to Girl Scouting!"

SAMPLE REDEDICATION #1

A table with ten small candles and one large candle. Leaders and girls stand in a horseshoe.

- LEADER: LIGHTING LARGE CANDLE
A candle's but a simple thing
It starts with just a bit of string.
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,
It gathers wax upon the strand
Until complete, and gleaming bright,
It gives at last a lovely light.
- CO-LEADER: "This first large candle represents the spirit of Girl Scouting, the Promise."
- 1st GIRL: "Let us now say the Promise." (She leads them in the Promise.)
- 2nd GIRL: "Let us now sing (have girls pick an appropriate song)." (She leads them
in song.)
- 3rd GIRL: Lights 1st small candle
I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE HONEST
- 4th GIRL: Lights 2nd small candle
Recites 2nd part of Law.
- 5-10 GIRL: Continues until all candles are burning and recites the appropriate part of the
Law.
- LEADER: Life is like that bit of string
Each deed we do a simple thing
Yet day-by-day, if on life's strand
We work with patient heart and hand.
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright..
And gives at last a lovely light.

SAMPLE REDEDICATION #2

All sit in a circle, with a table in the middle with ten candles. You may find it helpful to use 3x5 index cards for girls' parts.

- 1st GIRL: "Let us repeat together the Promise." (All Stand, when finished be seated.)
- 2nd GIRL: **LIGHTING 1st CANDLE** - "I will do my best to be honest."
- 3rd GIRL: "What is honest? It is to be truthful in everything you say and do."
- 4th GIRL: **LIGHTING 2nd CANDLE** – "I will do my best to be fair."
- 5th GIRL: "What is fair? It is treating other people the way you want to be treated."
- 6th GIRL: **LIGHTING 3rd CANDLE** - "I will do my best to help where I am needed."
- 7th GIRL: "What is helping where you are needed? It is finding out what others need, and doing What you can to show them that you care."
- 8th GIRL: **LIGHTING 4th CANDLE** - "I will do my best to be cheerful."
- 9th GIRL: "What is being cheerful? It is looking for the bright side, even on gloomy and unhappy days."
- 10th GIRL: **LIGHTING 5th CANDLE** - "I will do my best to be friendly and considerate."
- 11th GIRL: "What is being friendly and considerate? It is to be thoughtful of others. It is being the kind of friend you would like to have."
- 12th GIRL: **LIGHTING 6th CANDLE** - "I will do my best to be a sister to every Girl Scout,"
- 13th GIRL: "What does it mean to be a sister? It means to think of all Girl Scouts everywhere, not as strangers, but as friends you haven't met."
- 14th GIRL: **LIGHTING 7th CANDLE** - "I will do my best to respect authority."
- 15th GIRL: "What does it mean to respect authority? It means to listen to people who are responsible for us and follow their directions."
- 16th GIRL: **LIGHTING 8th CANDLE** - "I will do my best to use resources wisely."
- 17th GIRL: "How can we use resources wisely? We can learn not to waste what we have."
- 18th GIRL: **LIGHTING 9th CANDLE** – "I will do my best to protect and improve the world around me"
- 19th GIRL: "What does it mean to protect and improve the world around me? It means to help preserve the world around us and to help make it a better place."
- 20th GIRL: **LIGHTING 10th CANDLE** – "I will do my best to show respect for myself and others through my words and actions."
- 21st GIRL: "What does it mean to show respect for myself and others? It means to do your very best in the way that you treat others."

FOR BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS SAMPLE FLY-UP CEREMONY #1

The bridge may be made of wood, it may be a cardboard arch, or it may be made of paper strips. Have two circles, one for Brownies and one for Juniors with a bridge in between.

LEADER: Mentions girl who is flying up by name and tell something about her.

CO-LEADER: "Now it's time to say goodbye, Break the ring and out you fly."

The Brownie Ring breaks long enough for Leader and Fly-up Brownie to leave ring.

LEADER: Leader takes girl to Bridge and Says: "Brownie, you are just about to become a Junior Girl Scout. In the troop you soon will find Junior Scouts are true and kind. So now I give you Brownie Wings that you may fly to bigger things.

The leader presents girl with Brownie Wings and shakes her hand. The girl crosses bridge and is met by a Junior Girl Scout on the other side.

Brownie Fly-Up says Promise to Junior Leader. Junior Leader puts trefoil pin on girl, shakes hands, and welcomes her to her troop.

Repeat this for each Brownie flying-up to Juniors.

SAMPLE FLY-UP CEREMONY #2

The bridge may be made of wood, it may be a cardboard arch, or it may be made of paper strips. Have two circles, one for the troop of girls who are flying-up from and one for the troop of girls who are flying-up to, with a bridge in between.

1 girl from the troop flying up from (Brownie) lights a candle, walks over to be behind the bridge and says the first part of the ten-part Law.

1 girl from the troop flying up to (Junior) lights a candle, walks over to be behind the bridge and says the 2nd part of the ten-part Law.

Repeat until there are ten girls with ten lit candles and all ten parts of the Law have been said.

LEADER: "We will now say the Girl Scout Promise." (All say Promise.)

CO-LEADER: "As the Promise and Law light our way in the world, so do these candles light the way for fly-ups to see their path to the next level."

A Junior Girl Scout crosses the bridge to wait for a flying-up Brownie.

Each fly-up goes up to her leader who announces her name and tells her name and something about her. The leader shakes her hand and the girl goes to cross the bridge with the Junior from her new troop. Another Junior Girl Scout crosses the bridge to wait for the next fly-up. Repeat as necessary.

SCOUT'S OWN

A **SCOUTS' OWN** is a quiet type of ceremony with a theme. It is called a **SCOUTS' OWN** because girls and their leader plan it themselves. It is not a religious service or ceremony and does not take the place of going to church, temple or synagogi4ue. It is an occasion in which girls express their deepest feelings about subjects, which are meaningful to them.

A **SCOUTS' OWN** can be held at any time, indoors or out, at a troop meeting, inter-troop gathering, or in camp. It is difficult for Brownies to plan a **SCOUTS' OWN**. However, in being present at one, Brownies may begin to sense the deeper values of Scouting as they hear girls express their feelings, convictions, aspirations or ideals.

First choose a **THEME**. Examples: friendship, sisterhood, the beauty of nature, the life of the Juliette Low, the first day of Spring, flags, senior citizens, the spirit of a special day like Thanksgiving, citizenship, service, the world of tomorrow.

If you are going to hold the **SCOUTS' OWN** outdoors, choose a special place, one with a view, or under a special tree. If indoors, you might choose a symbol, such as, a flag or a special picture or scene.

Choose just one major theme, than make a list of different ways you can tell or show your theme. Examples: songs, poems, choral rendition a story, a legend, a show play, music played on an instrument, pantomime ... or thoughts about what the theme means to her, spoken by each Girl Scout.

From your list choose one idea to open file **SCOUTS' OWN**. Select one or two or half a dozen other ideas you want to include. Decide how to end your ceremony.

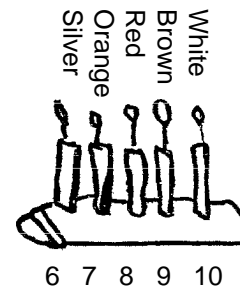
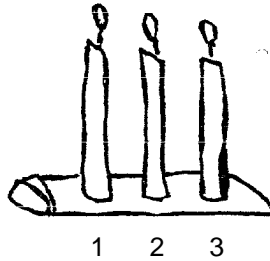
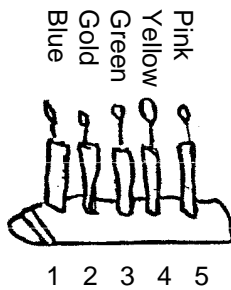
Decide who will perform or lead each part and who will lead the girls to the place for the ceremony and back again.

It is a Girl Scout custom to walk quietly to the place where this ceremony is held and leave quietly after it is over.

The plans for every **SCOUTS' OWN** should provide for definite, thoughtful leadership -- leadership which will quietly maintain the essential qualities of reverence and aspiration.

Keep the ceremony short - 10 to 15 minutes - but in the atmosphere of quiet expression and free interchange of earnest feeling, allow the girls their full share, both in the planning and in the doing - otherwise the very purpose of the ceremony is belied.

RAINBOW SCOUT'S OWN



Three white candles and 10 colored (one each blue, gold, green, yellow, pink, silver, orange, red, brown, and white).

SPEAKER: Let us light three candles symbolic of the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise, and let us say our Girl Scout Promise.

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

1st Candle: This candle represents duty of the Girl Scout to God as the creator of all things.

2nd Candle: This candle shows love of country and love of people no matter what nationality, religion, or color of skin.

3rd Candle: This candle shows the basic code of Girl Scouting that is the Girl Scout Law. A Girl Scout lives by this Law.

THE GIRL SCOUT LAW: I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE....

- HONEST AND FAIR:** BLUE the color of the sky. A Girl Scout's honesty in dealing with her family, her friends and her country should be as dependable as the blue of the sky.
- FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL:** Watching the PINK in the changing sky at sunset gives us a sense of peace and reminds us to be friendly and helpful to everyone.
- CONSIDERATE AND CARING:** GREEN the color of nature, useful and helpful to all, reminding us of our Promise to be considerate and caring of others.
- COURAGEOUS AND STRONG:** YELLOW is a symbol of strength and courage, like the flowers of the field that lays dormant during winter and return each spring.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT I SAY AND DO.** GOLD represents the sun's rays. They shine on everyone regardless of color creed or race. And to
- RESPECT MYSELF AND OTHERS.** WHITE representing clean falling snow, reminds us that Girl Scouts should show respect for themselves and others through words and actions.
- RESPECT AUTHORITY.** ORANGE represents the sunset. Even the sun must obey nature's- orders as it rises and sets each day.
- USE RESOURCES WISELY.** RED is the color of fire, we must use fire with great care, just as we must be thrifty with all our resources.
- MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.** BROWN makes us think of the color of the earth. We must protect, improve and keep our planet healthy.
- BE A SISTER TO EVERY GIRL SCOUT.** SILVER symbolizes a beautiful calm lake, as we think of all the Girl Scouts around the world.

Basic Flag Ceremony Commands

Color Guard Attention

Girl Scout Attention ("Please stand")

Color Guard Advance (Color guard walks forward - Flag goes FIRST) Color guard comes to the front and turns to face the audience.

**Please join me in the pledge to the flag:
I Pledge...**

**Please join me in the Girl Scout Promise:
On my honor...**

Color Guard dismissed.

If the flag is to be put into a stand additional command of "Color Guard, post the colors" would be added just before the dismissal.